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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO

1. FONOFF CHINA DEPDIR IKEDA NOTED TO EMBOFF APRIL 20 THAT DESPITE VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S RECENT COMMENTS TO JAPANESE VISITORS THAT NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO WOULD SOON BE ANNOUNCED, FONOFF HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO COMMENTS MADE BY PRC EMBASSY TO "LOCAL SUPPORTERS," HOWEVER, MOFA VICE MINISTER YU CHAN APPEARED TO BE LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR TOKYO POST. IKEDA SAID THAT OFFICIALS OF CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION IN PEKING HAD RECENTLY TOLD JAPANESE VISITORS THAT NEW AMBASSADOR WOULD BE "EXPERIENCED MAN OF VICE MINISTERIAL RANK." IKEDA OBSERVED THAT APPOINTMENT TO TOKYO OF VICE MINISTER SUCH AS YU CHAN WOULD BE IN LINE WITH CURRENT CHINESE POLICY OF INCREASED FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO JAPAN. HE SPECULATED THAT US APPOINTMENT OF SENATOR MANSFIELD -- "A VERY SENIOR POLITICIAN WITH WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ON CHINA" -- MIGHT ALSO MOVE CHINESE TO NAME SENIOR PERSONALITY TO TOKYO.

2. IKEDA ADDED THAT FONOFF HAD JUST LEARNED FROM PEKING THAT CHEN KANG, "CURRENTLY IN CHARGE OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS IN MOFA" WOULD BE COMING TO TOKYO TO FILL NUMBER THREE POSITION AT EMBASSY AS COUNSELOR.

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